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Feature Focus - May 2012



CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF CALL

The Southeast Conference Prepares for Annual Meeting  
June 8-9, Birmingham, Alabama



The Southeast Conference will hold its Annual Meeting **Friday June 8th—Saturday June 9th, hosted by First Congregational UCC, Birmingham.** A special mailing with registration information, schedules, and other details will be sent to churches and members. The theme of the Annual

Meeting, "Cultivating a Culture of Call," will be addressed by Holly MillerShank, the newly elected team leader of the UCC ministry which oversees the process of training and authorizing people for ministry. We will also feature workshops, panels, and more to help congregations prepare to be effective partners in this important part of our shared ministry. Friday evening will feature the TAP convocation and commencement. The program for the Annual Meeting will begin on Friday morning and continue through Saturday. At 10:00am we will open with a clergy gathering and conversation around the theme, "**Nurturing YourCall: What Have you Done for Me Lately?**" Registration will open at 11:00am Friday. Following lunch, there will be a panel featuring pastors of churches in the Conference which have a record of cultivating and supporting people for ministry. A convocation following will give participants an option of continuing the conversation by sharing their own stories, or taking a specially arranged civil right tours of Birmingham. That evening, beginning at 6:00pm, all are invited to gather for the TAP dinner, featuring testimonies from TAP graduates, followed by worship and commencement. Our preacher will be Rev. Holly MillerShank. On Saturday, registration will open at 8:30am and continental breakfast will be available. Our morning program will be one



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Igniting Leadership speaker encourages churches to follow Disney model of 'immersive environment'

The minute the Rev. Christopher Perry began to present a link between the success of the Disney empire and the bold possibilities of the church experience, his audience was all ears.



or inviting us to re-imagine ministry in the UCC, led by Holly MillerSnank. We will have workshops that will include a wide range of topics, all of which are intended to equip churches and their leaders for effective ministry. The business meeting will follow lunch and recognition of clergy. We will end with a closing worship at 2:30pm. Worship and music will be led by our congregations in Birmingham.

**Circle the dates, June 8th and 9th in your calendar. This is another wonderful opportunity to be with our church family!**

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